for mutual reduction of troops and arms; if so, what ia Government's reaction thereto;

(b) what is Government's reaction to Pakistan refusal to renew the trade agreement between tw0 countries since July, 19T8 and Mrs. Bhutto's evasive remarks that SAAKC was examining this very question; and

(c) what is the present arrangement of trade between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRi K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Government have seen reports of Prime Minister Ms. Benazir Bhutto's remarks on mutual reduction of troopg and arms. Government feel that it is in the mutual interest of India and Pakistan tia take steps that would improve the climate of relations between the two countries leading to reduction in their defence spending so that scarce resources could be diverted to developmental activities.

(b) and (c) The India-Pakistan Trade Agreement does not fall within the purview of SAARC and is a purely bilateral issue. Government had approached the Pakistani side for renewal of the India-Pakistan Trade Agreement signed in 1975 when it expired in 1978, but the Pakistani side did not respond positively, while we accord Most Favoured Nation status to Pakistan, the latter has not so far recinrocated despite being]a member of GATT.

Retirement of members of India Tourism Development Corporation Board

3417. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer the answer to Unstarred Question 1490 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 6th March, 1989 and state:

(a) what are the names of those non official Directors who retired recently from ITDC Board along with dates of the retirement;

(b) what is criteria for selection of ITDC Board member;

(c) what is term of the Board; and

(d) what is usual strength of ITDC Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIV-RAJ PATTL): (a) The following non-official Directors retired from I.T.D.C. Board with effect from 6-10-1987:

(l)Dr. M. M. Anand

(2) Shri Kali H. Mody

(3) Smt. Kumudesh Bhandari

(h) The criteria laid down by the Bureau of Public Enterprises for selection of ITDC Board members, whether official or non-official is being followed. As per these guidelines, the official part-time Directors are representatives of the administrative Ministry and the Ministry of Finance. Non-official Directors are Scientists, technologists Or reputed persons or Directors/Senior officials 0f other Public Sector Undertaking and their strength is to be restricted to 1/3 of the total strength of the Board.

(c) Two years.

(d) As per the memorandum & Articles of Association of ITDC Ltd., the number of Directors shall not be less than two and more than fifteen.

चीन और पाकिस्तान के अवैध कब्जे में भारतीय क्षेत्र

3418. श्री बी० सत्यनारायण रेड्डी : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) आज की तारीख तक भारत का कुल कितना वर्ग किलोमीटर क्षेत्र कथा-